

2000 Current Fiscal Year Report: National Drought Policy Commission

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1. Department or Agency

Department of Agriculture

2. Fiscal Year

2000

3. Committee or Subcommittee

National Drought Policy Commission

3b. GSA Committee No.

5307

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

5. Current Charter

01/15/1999

6. Expected Renewal Date

7. Expected Term Date

08/14/2000

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

Yes

8b. Specific Termination Authority

90 days after Commission submits report

8c. Actual Term Date

08/14/2000

9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Terminate

10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

No

10b. Legislation Pending?

Enacted

11. Establishment Authority

Statutory (Congress Created)

12. Specific Establishment Authority

P.L. 105-199

13. Effective Date

07/16/1998

14. Committee Type

Ad hoc

14c. Presidential?

No

15. Description of Committee

National Policy Issue Advisory Board

16a. Total Number of Reports

2

16b. Report Date Report Title

05/16/2000 "Preparing for Drought in the 21st Century"

05/16/2000 "Preparing for Drought in the 21st Century, Executive Summary"

Number of Committee Reports Listed: 2

17a. Open 12 17b. Closed 0 17c. Partially Closed 0 Other Activities 1 17d. Total 13

Meetings and Dates

Purpose	Start	End
El Paso Public Hearing	10/13/1999	- 10/13/1999
Los Angeles Public Hearing	12/01/1999	- 12/01/1999
Los Angeles NDPC Meeting, Discuss Recommendations	12/02/1999	- 12/02/1999
Wash DC NDPC Teleconf Mtg., Discuss Recommendations	01/05/2000	- 01/05/2000
Wash, DC NDPC Teleconf Mtg., Discuss Recommendations	01/19/2000	- 01/19/2000
Austin, TX NDPC Public Hearing	01/25/2000	- 01/25/2000
Washington, DC Commission Teleconference Meeting	02/02/2000	- 02/02/2000
Atlanta, GA NDPC Public Hearing	02/03/2000	- 02/03/2000
Billings, MT NDPC Public Hearing	02/17/2000	- 02/18/2000
Scottsdale, AZ NDPC Mtg., Discuss Recommendations	03/01/2000	- 03/01/2000
Wash, DC NDPC Mtg., Review Report Final Draft	04/19/2000	- 04/20/2000
Wash,DC NDPC Mtg., Present Report to Congress	05/16/2000	- 05/16/2000
Wash DC NDPC Congressional Member & Staff Briefing at Capitol	05/17/2000	- 05/17/2000

Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 13

	Current FY	Next FY
18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$365,352.00	\$0.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$64,990.00	\$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$24,573.00	\$0.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$14,700.00	\$0.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$13,160.00	\$0.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$4,947.00	\$0.00
18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	\$70,257.00	\$0.00
18d. Total	\$557,979.00	\$0.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	5.00	0.00

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The Commission holds meetings and public hearings as needed to obtain and discuss drought issues and concerns. The Commission: (1) reviews and analyzes Federal, regional, State, local and tribal drought programs and laws, and other pertinent data; (2) requests and considers public comments submitted including testimony at public hearings; and (3) consults and collaborates with the National Drought Mitigation Center and the Western Drought Coordination Council.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

The Law specified six Federal members. The three State and local government members includes one woman. Six at-large members represent various groups acutely impacted by drought and includes one woman, for a total of two women, one Native American and one Hispanic. Consideration was given to achieve a balanced representation from different geographic areas of the country, as well as watershed perspective, State level management, and cultural and gender diversity.

20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

In FY 2000, the Commission held public hearings in Atlanta, GA, Austin, TX, Billings, MT, El Paso, TX, and Los Angeles, CA.. The hearing in El Paso provided information regarding the international implications of drought, while the hearing in Los Angeles provided insights about highly competitive uses of water in an area where supplies are quite precious. The other three hearings provided an opportunity to hear about how drought during recent years has hurt the populace, hear about the peoples fears if drought continued during 2000 and to learn about how different groups expect to handle drought in the future. In addition to the five hearings, the Commission held four in-person meetings and three teleconferences. The in-person meetings were held in Los Angeles,

CA., Scottsdale, AZ., and two in Washington, D.C..

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

Congress found: (1) there was no coordinated Federal strategy to respond to drought; (2) drought was addressed mainly through special legislation and ad hoc action; (3) there is an increasing need to emphasize preparedness, mitigation and risk management; and (4) there is no single Federal agency to coordinate drought activities. Those seeking assistance were required to deal individually and separately with each Federal agency. The Commission is tasked with submitting a report to the President and Congress that provides advice and recommendations on the creation of an integrated, coordinated Federal policy designed to prepare for and respond to serious drought emergencies.

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

Meetings are open to the public.

21. Remarks

Commission submitted its report, "Preparing for Drought in the 21st Century," to the President and Congress on May 16, 2000. By law, the Commission terminated 90 days after the report, on Aug 14, 2000. The 1999 Agriculture Appropriations law (PL 105-277, Oct 21, 1998, 112 Stat. 2681), section 719, specifically provided authorization for interagency funding to carry out the purposes of the National Drought Policy Commission. This report asks for the cost of Federal member travel. Therefore we have included estimated travel costs of all six Federal members, including five which were not from USDA and who paid their own travel expenses. The Department of Commerce, Department of the Interior (DOI), and Forest Service (USDA but funded by DOI) contributed money to the Commission's fund and was used to pay expenses included in this report. In addition, several Federal departments, as well as non-governmental entities, provided in-kind services and paid for staff and staff travel. These are not reflected in this report.

Designated Federal Officer

Leona C Dittus Executive Director

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Barnes, Roy	10/01/1999	09/30/2000	Governor of Georgia	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Brown, Robert	10/01/1999	09/30/2000	Executive VP, Farm Credit Bank of Texas, Austin, TX	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Campana, Sam	10/01/1999	06/01/2000	Mayor of Scottsdale, Arizona	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Deister, Ane	10/01/1999	09/30/2000	Exec Asst to the Gen'l Mgr, Metro Water Dist of So CA, Los Angeles, CA	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Glickman, Dan	10/01/1999	09/30/2000	Secretary of Agriculture	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Kelly, John	10/01/1999	09/30/2000	Asst. Administrator for Weather Services, NOAA, DOC	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Kulik, Bernard	10/01/1999	09/30/2000	Assoc. Administrator for Disaster Assistance, SBA	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Martinez, Eluid	10/01/1999	09/30/2000	Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation, DOI	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Miller, Robert	10/01/1999	09/30/2000	Past President, Intertribal Agriculture Council and Rancher, Beggs, OK	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Morriss, Ronald	10/01/1999	09/30/2000	Chairman of the Santa Cruz County Bd of Supervisors, Nogales, AZ	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Rodriguez, Ernesto	10/01/1999	09/30/2000	State Dir for Emergency Mgmt, NM Dept of Public Safety, Santa Fe, NM	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Schweitzer, Brian	10/01/1999	09/30/2000	Farmer/Rancher, Soil Scientist, Whitefish, MT	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Smothers, A	10/01/1999	09/30/2000	Mgr, Water Resources, Kentucky Dept. of Environmental Protection, Frankfort, KY	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Westphal, Joseph	10/01/1999	09/30/2000	Asst., Sec. of the Army (Civil Works), DOD	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Zensinger, Larry	10/01/1999	09/30/2000	Director, Human Services Division, FEMA	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 15

Narrative Description

What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

Improvements to health or safety	<input type="checkbox"/>
Trust in government	<input type="checkbox"/>
Major policy changes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improved service delivery	<input type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input type="checkbox"/>
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Outcome Comments

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

None	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Unable to Determine	<input type="checkbox"/>
Under \$100,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$100,000 - \$500,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$500,001 - \$1,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Over \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cost Savings Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Cost Savings Comments

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

0

Number of Recommendations Comments

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?

0%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?

0%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?

Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Applicable ☒

Agency Feedback Comments

What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

Checked if Applies

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|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Reorganized Priorities | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Reallocated resources | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Issued new regulation | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Proposed legislation | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Approved grants or other payments | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Action Comments

Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?

No

Grant Review Comments

How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

Checked if Applies

- | | |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| Contact DFO | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Online Agency Web Site | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Online Committee Web Site | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Online GSA FACA Web Site | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Publications | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Access Comments